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1. GENERAL

A BATTLEFIELD LULL CONTINUES IN MR II AND III. THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS IN THE DELTA INCREASED TO THE LEVEL OF AVERAGE RECENT HIGHPOINTS BUT MOST INCIDENTS CONTINUED TO BE ABFS AND HARASSMENT. REFUGEE EVACUATION FROM CAM RANH HAS CEASED DUE TO NVA MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. PHAN RANG AND PHAN THIET REMAIN IN GVN HANDS. MILITARY STRAGGLERS CONTINUE TO COME INTO GVN LINES.

2. MR-II

INFORMATION FROM MR-II IS SPARCE. PHAN THIET AND PHAN RANG REMAIN IN GVN HANDS THOUGH THE CITIES ARE LARGELY ABANDONED.

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REFUGEE EVACUATION FROM CAM RANH CEASED ON APRIL 4 BECAUSE OF

FIRE FROM NVA FORCES.

3. MR-III

MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINED EXCEPTIONALLY LIGHT THROUGHOUT MR-III WITH ONLY 26 INCIDENTS REPORTED FOR THE 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDING 0800 APRIL 5. MAJOR ACTIONS WERE LIGHT CONTACTS NORTH OF TRANG BANG IN HAU NGHIA PROVINCE AND ABFS ON GVN OUTPOSTS ALONG HIGHWAY 1 IN BINH TUY PROVINCE. MILITARY STRAGGLERS CONTINUE TO POUR INTO HAM TAN IN BINH TUY PROVINCE AND INTO VUNG TAU. LAWLESSNESS ON THE PART OF SOME SOLDIERS CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM. HOWEVER, GVN AUTHORITIES ARE SUCCEEDING IN DISARMING THE STRAGGLERS AND ARE SENDING THEM TO MUSTERING AREAS FOR REORGANIZING AND REFITTING. A MILITARY CHECKPOINT IN BIEN HOA HAS ALSO BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PREVENTING STRAGGLERS FROM ENTERING SAIGON.

4. MR-IV.

DELTA MILITARY ACTIVITY WENT UP BUT MOST INCIDENTS WERE ABFS AND HARASSMENT. NVA 5TH AND 3RD DIVISION REGIMENTS ARE CONCENTRATING AROUND MOC HOA, KIEN TUONG PROVINCE. NINTH ARVN DIVISION UNITS REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH NVA FORCES AND ARE CONFIDENT MUC HOA CAN BE DEFENDED. NVA 4TH DIVISION UNITS CONTINUE TO PROBE CAN THO DEFENSES IN PHONG DINH. ROCKET ATTACKS ON THE CITY, AIR BASE AND NEARBY LOGISTIC COMPLEX ARE EXPECTED.

5. ICCS.

IRAN IS SENDING AN IRANIAN AIR FORCE 707 TO WITHDRAW MOST OF IRANIAN CONTINGENT, AND THE IRANIAN CHARGE TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT THE IRANIAN DELEGATION MIGHT BE REDUCED TO ABOUT SIX PEOPLE. THE INDONESIANS ARE CONTINUING THEIR WITHDRAWAL AND INDODEL DCM SAMIL IN A CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF APRIL 4 REITERATED THE INDONESIAN COMPLAINT THAT WHILE PARTICIPATION IN THE ICCS IS COSTING INDONESIA HEAVILY IN TERMS OF BOTH FUNDS AND TRAINED OFFICER PERSONNEL, THE USG IS CUTTING BACK ON ITS AID TO INDONESIA (SAMIL USED THE PHRASE "BLACKLISTING US BECAUSE OF OPEC"). THE HUNGARIANS AND POLES EACH PLAN TO KEEP MISSIONS OF BETWEEN 50 AND 60 PERSONNEL IN SAIGON.

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